

Drop Theft Charges on Two Men

Charges against two Will county men with theft of government property from Joliet Arsenal were dismissed by U. S. Commissioner C. Bentley Pike in Chicago yesterday.

The two were allegedly involved in theft of paint, brushes and drop cloths at Joliet Arsenal and were arrested in October of last year. Two others arrested on the paint theft charges are still on bond with their cases pending. A fifth man arrested on the theft charges and cited for looting of copper and lead scrap was reported indicted on the charges, Friday, but the trial date has not been set.

Russell Reeves, of Wilmington, and Thomas Singer, of Joliet, were exonerated of theft of the paint, Friday. According to their two attorneys, J. T. Lavorci and Richard E. Wolft, of Chicago, the federal grand jury returned no true bills in the case of Reeves and Singer. The men had been released on bond by the United States marshall. With the case dismissed by Commissioner Pike on the motion of Assistant U. S. District Attorney William Gallagher, the bonds were ordered refunded yesterday.

The cases of Thomas W. Travis, 25, of Braidwood, and Bobby Frank Webb, 25, of Wilmington, are still pending. They were arrested with Reeves on Oct. 9, last year. Singer was arrested at a later date.